

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

AIRPORT REGIONALIZATION

On December 16, 2008, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and transmit a letter to the executive director of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the members of the City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, and the Mayor's office, containing the County's formal request that the City set forth, in detail, its future plans for the undeveloped property located in the unincorporated area of the County adjacent to the Palmdale Airport. This request was made on the heels of the County's successful lawsuit requiring LAWA to develop a regional approach to air service.

Even in light of this request and a court settlement agreement, on November 16, 2009, the Los Angeles Airport Commission voted to award a 3-year contract of \$700,000 to seek a developer to build a solar energy plant on the 17,500 acres of vacant Los Angeles City-owned land. Neither the City of Palmdale, nor the County of Los Angeles was ever notified of the City's intention to develop the land into anything other than an airport. Moreover, the City of Los Angeles used eminent domain to acquire some of the parcels in the 17,500 acres for airport use, and now they are changing uses.

The City of Palmdale and the County have been working together to identify potential airlines interested in offering flights out of Palmdale Airport, once the LAWA lease expires. LAWA's recent effort could place a chilling effect on the multi-jurisdictional efforts to provide air service to northern Los Angeles County and regionalize air service for the basin.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Counsel to:

1. Determine whether the recent action of the Los Angeles World Airports to change the use of the airport property is consistent with County settlement agreement regarding regionalization;
2. Examine legality of using eminent domain to take private property for one purpose and using it for another; and
3. Report back to the Board of Supervisors on the above findings.

I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and transmit a letter to the executive director of the Los Angeles World Airports, the members of the City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, and the Mayor's office, requesting information on their planned usage as a solar plant and how they intend to comply with the settlement agreement to regionalize LAX.

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